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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Hideo Tabuchi et al.

Application No.: 10/685,743

Filed: October 14, 2003

For: METHOD FOR DUPLICATING  
DATA OF STORAGE SUBSYSTEM  
AND DATA DUPLICATING SYSTEM

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6126

Examiner: Hung Q. Pham

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.